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A001 Regulation of Public Accountants

As required by RCW 18.04, the Board of Accountancy issues licenses to Certified Public Accountants (CPAs), CPA firms, and firm owners to ensure public protection and the reliability of financial information. The board establishes and audits compliance with education, examination, good character, ethics, and experience requirements prior to licensure. The board administers and grades the CPA examination of each Washington State applicant. To ensure CPAs continue to meet established standards of performance and ethics requirements, the board reviews Washington CPAs, reviews and monitors charges by other states against Washington CPAs and firms, and audits compliance with continuing professional education requirements. The board provides general and specific consumer protection information and is funded by license fees paid by CPAs, firms, and firm owners.

	FY 2006	FY 2007	Biennial Total
FTE's	7.6	7.6	7.6
GFS	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other	\$894,000	\$791,000	\$1,685,000
Total	\$894,000	\$791,000	\$1,685,000

Statewide Result Area: Improve the economic vitality of businesses and individuals

Statewide Strategy: Provide consumer protection

Expected Results

To undertake on-site field review of 60 percent of firms receiving an unacceptable review grade. To reach 60 percent of Washington's population with consumer awareness information.

Publish public accountant consumer awareness information reaching 60% of the population in Washington state.

Undertake an on-site field review of 60% of CPA firms receiving an unacceptable Quality Assurance Review grade.

A002 Investigation of Public Accountants

Appropriation Period: 2005-07 Activity Version: 51 - 2006 Governor's Proposed Supplement

As required by RCW 18.04, the Board of Accountancy investigates Certified Public Accountants (CPAs), CPA firms, and firm owners in response to complaints regarding their compliance with technical and ethical standards established by: the Financial Accounting Standards Board, the Federal Accounting Standards Board, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, the Cost Accounting Standards Board, the Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board, the U.S. General Accounting Office, the federal Office of Management and Budget, the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Internal Revenue Service, the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, other federal and state agencies, the Public Accountancy Act, and board rules. The board also investigates and takes action against individuals illegally posing as CPAs. The board's investigations provide legal evidence for board enforcement action against CPAs, CPA firms, firm owners, and non-CPAs who violate the above-listed technical and ethical standards, and federal and state laws, regulations, and rules. The investigations are funded by license fees paid by CPAs, CPA firms, and firm owners.

	FY 2006	FY 2007	Biennial Total
FTE's	2.7	2.7	2.7
GFS	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other	\$165,000	\$380,000	\$545,000
Total	\$165,000	\$380,000	\$545,000

Statewide Result Area: Improve the economic vitality of businesses and individuals

Statewide Strategy: Provide consumer protection

Expected Results

To maintain an average case load of 50 investigations.

Maintain an average caseload of 50 active investigations

ZZZX Other Statewide Adjustments

This item reflects proposed compensation and other adjustments that were not allocated to individual agency activities. The agency will assign these costs to the proper activities after the budget is enacted.

	FY 2006	FY 2007	Biennial Total
FTE's	0.0	0.0	0.0
GFS	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other	\$0	\$6,000	\$6,000
Total	\$0	\$6,000	\$6,000

Statewide Result Area: Strengthen the ability of state government to achieve results efficiently and effectively

Statewide Strategy: Human resources support for government agencies

Grand Total

	FY 2006	FY 2007	Biennial Total
FTE's	10.3	10.3	10.3
GFS	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other	\$1,059,000	\$1,177,000	\$2,236,000
Total	\$1,059,000	\$1,177,000	\$2,236,000